



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2523, Agenda Item #: 65.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Approve a resolution adopting the City's HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan, which will be submitted to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the City's application for \$11,441,252 in federal funding through a HOME-ARP grant, and authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application and certification, and to take actions necessary to secure grant funds.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

June 9, 2022 - Council conducted a public hearing to receive public comment on the City's draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

June 10, 2021 - Council adopted Resolution No. 20210610-077, which adopted the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Framework and authorized the City Manager to make the necessary allocations.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 10, 2022 - The Community Development Commission conducted a public hearing to receive public comment on the City's draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Additional Backup Information:

Through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Congress appropriated \$5 billion to address homelessness and housing instability, in a grant referred to as the HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP). The City is eligible to receive \$ 11,441,252 through HOME-ARP, and can allocate the grant towards one or multiple of the following categories:

- Supportive Services
- Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- Development of Affordable Rental Housing
- Non-profit Operating Expenses
- Non-profit Capacity Building
- Planning and Administration

In order to receive this funding, the City must submit a spending plan, referred to as an allocation plan, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an amendment to the City's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan. The draft Allocation Plan proposes a spending plan for the grant and describes the process City staff went through to gather feedback from the community.

A draft HOME-ARP allocation plan was available for public review and comment from May 3, 2022 to June 10, 2022. During that period, 169 comments were received via the Speak Up Austin webpage. A record of these comments is included as an attachment to the draft Allocation Plan. Additionally, two public hearings were held with the Austin City Council and Community Development Commission to receive feedback on the draft Allocation Plan.

The Homeless Strategy Division of Austin Public Health, in coordination with the Housing and Planning Department, is proposing to allocate HOME-ARP across the following activities:

- Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters - \$8,000,000 (70%)
- Development of Affordable Rental Housing - \$1,000,000 (9%)
- Supportive Services - \$725,064.20 (6%)
- Planning and Administration - \$1,716,187.80 (15%)
- Total grant amount - \$11,441,252 (100%)
- See section IV: HOME-ARP Activities of the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for more details.

The requested action is for City Council to approve the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Once the plan receives Council approval, the Housing and Planning department will submit the plan to HUD as an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.